

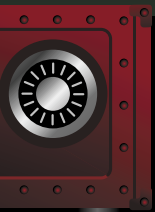
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# LEAP FROG LEAPSTER L-MAX™

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**Parent Guide**

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Please keep it for future reference.

# Rock the World

A Reading Adventure

Welcome to LEAPSTER L-MAX™ *Rock the World: A Reading Adventure*. Get in the groove with The Algorithmics! Join this funky rock band on a whirlwind adventure to rescue their newest member—Turbo Monkey. These fast-paced games will improve your child's spelling and grammar skills. Plug into the TV for lots more learning and adventure game fun!



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## Getting Started:

Insert the cartridge with the printed side facing front. Press the On/Off button to begin.

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## Sign In

1. Follow the on-screen instructions to sign in.
2. The LEAPSTER L-MAX™ handheld will store the game information of up to 3 players. To remove a player, touch the "X" button on the screen.



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## Many Ways to Play

*Rock the World: A Reading Adventure* offers your child a variety of spelling games that can be played on the go or on the TV—and when you plug the LEAPSTER L-MAX™ handheld into the TV, you can unlock even more learning adventures! Touch an icon with the stylus to start the game. Players can also use the directional arrows to scroll through and highlight icons, then press the "A" button to select. To turn off the background music, touch the key icon. This setting will return to "music on" each time the unit is powered on.



# LEAPSTER L-MAX

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Check out the ever-growing Leapster L-Max™ Learning Game System Library!



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## Coming 2005!

# Story Summary

Meet the best band this side of the planet—The Algorithmics! Yuko, the guitar-playing lead singer; Tomás, the sociable saxophonist; Sam, the animal-loving keyboardist; and Ato, the percussionist with a flair for technology. You'll also meet the newest band member—Turbo Monkey, who plays a mean cymbal!

The Algorithmics can really rock and they win the battle of the bands contest, hands down! But after the contest, a jealous rival band kidnaps Turbo Monkey. The chase is on as you and the Algorithmics follow the rival band to 3 cities around the world and use your spelling skills to collect clues to track Turbo Monkey. Can you help the band rescue Turbo?

## Learning at All Levels

*Rock the World* develops fundamental spelling and grammar skills with two levels of game play. Within each level, there is an increase in challenge related to the skill being taught in order to reinforce and expand children's knowledge about spelling patterns and grammar.

**Level 1:** Skills include identifying beginning and ending sounds in CVC words, consonant blends, consonant digraphs, simple plurals, nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

**Level 2:** Skills include identifying beginning, medial, and ending sounds in CVCe words, vowel digraphs, diphthongs, *r*-controlled vowels, plurals, antonyms, nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

## HOW A TUTORIAL WORKS

The goal of a tutorial is to offer children a strategy for breaking down a skill into smaller parts. A tutorial is activated when the player presses the Hint button or gets a number of incorrect answers. Simple prompts provide examples of spelling patterns or give players clues to ensure success.



## Fun Surprises, Tips and Tricks at [www.leapsterworld.com](http://www.leapsterworld.com)!

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# Learning Fun On the Go or On the TV

## Spelling MINI-GAMES

### HOW TO PLAY

Three fast-paced mini-games challenge players to spell with speed and enthusiasm. Players learn new skills without skipping a beat while they spell words with basic spelling patterns, such as consonant-vowel-

consonant (CVC) or consonant-vowel-consonant-silent e (CVCe). Pop balloons and catch the letters or words that fall out of them, jam with the band by choosing the right instrument and letter, or catch fish to spell words or identify plurals. Building a large word bank is critical for rescuing

Turbo. Players tap into their growing bank of words during the adventure game. The more words in the bank, the faster players can rescue Turbo Monkey.



### WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT?

**Spelling:** The ability to break down words into their sounds and transcribe the sounds in the correct sequence.

**Plurals:** The ability to know when a word means “more than one.” Players identify the correct plural form of words, whether regular or irregular.

### WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

Spelling words is an essential skill needed to communicate ideas and information. Children first learn to spell by breaking down words into sounds and writing the letters that stand for those sounds. Each of the mini-games enables children to quickly use their knowledge of letter-sounds and common spelling patterns to spell words. Building this knowledge-base gives children the skills they need to look for familiar word parts to decode and spell complex words with confidence and speed.

## Unlock More Learning on the TV!

A full adventure game with The Algorithmics is just around the corner when you plug the LEAPSTER L-MAX™ into your TV. Players have access to a variety of activities in the adventure game that enable them to use their collected words to successfully rescue Turbo Monkey. The dual screen feature lets players use the TV screen to navigate band members through the streets of different cities around the world while they track their position on the handheld. It also allows parents to observe and learn what spelling strategies their child knows and uses.



## Adventure Game

### HOW TO PLAY

Follow that bus! The rival band's tour bus screeches away—with Turbo Monkey inside! Players are challenged to identify and use words from their word banks to gather items that they can trade for information about Turbo Monkey's whereabouts. During game play, Hanzel—a friendly but misguided rival-band roadie—gives players odd tasks to complete to get clues about Turbo. Players might need to collect bars of soap to help Hanzel wash the tour bus or gather stones to carve a sculpture. Collect music CDs during the adventure to increase your overall game score.

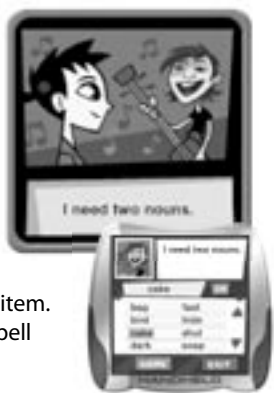


Within the adventure game, players can press:

- Directional arrows left and right to move horizontally across the screen.
- Directional arrows up and down to move vertically across the screen.

# Word Exchanges

When players bump into characters along the streets of each city they can make word exchanges to collect items that Hanzel needs. Press the "A" button to begin a conversation. The character will tell you what words are needed to make a trade. Players must search their bank of words to see if they have built the requested word. If questions can be answered correctly, players collect an item. If not, it's back to the mini-games to spell and collect more words.



## WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT?

**Spelling:** The ability to break down words into their sounds. Players search for words with similar beginning, medial, and ending sounds.

**Grammar/Parts of Speech:** The ability to apply a system of rules for speaking and writing simple to more complex sentences. Players identify different parts of speech, such as nouns, verbs and adjectives.

## WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

As children use language, they begin to learn more about its structure and the rules for grammar and usage. Gradually they use these understandings to put words together to create meaningful sentences. A deeper understanding of how words work enables children to become effective oral and written communicators.

# Word Puzzle

Did you collect eight bars of soap or the other items needed? Then it's back to Hanzel for one more question. Players are presented with a fill-in-the-blank question that relates to the collected objects. To answer the question, players must search their word bank for the correct word. This time, players must think of the context when answering the question. What word makes sense? If answered correctly, players are rewarded with more game fun!

## WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT?

**Vocabulary Development:** The ability to use word structure and/or context to help understand the meaning of a word.

## WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

Reading and writing are meaning-related activities. Learning how to look for and use context clues helps children become proficient word solvers. They can quickly scan the text to look for information that will provide hints about the meaning of unknown words. This may include definitions, examples, and descriptions. Using context clues is an important word-learning strategy. It promotes vocabulary growth as well as forces children to monitor what they are reading. Building a repertoire of word-solving strategies helps children decode unfamiliar words they encounter in their reading. As children complete sentences in the word puzzles, they are actively discovering how words work and developing strategies for learning more words.

# Gesture Activity

## HOW TO PLAY

Wow! Gunter's tour bus is pretty dirty. Let's give Hanzel a helping hand. Once players have successfully collected each of the objects requested by Hanzel, they're off for a little extra fun.



Using the stylus, the touch screen, and the TV, players physically act out the meaning of the words used to answer Hanzel's questions. Players help Hanzel wash the bus, sculpt a statue, and crank open doors. Now that's a mental workout.

## WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT?

**Vocabulary:** The ability to understand word meanings in order to communicate through print and oral communication.

## WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

Vocabulary plays an important role in reading, writing, and speaking. Children must understand the meaning of words in order to effectively communicate with others. Research reveals that children can learn the meaning of many words through rich and varied everyday experiences. Of course, children learn best by doing—working actively with words. The gesture activities in *Rock the World* help children learn word meanings as they act out the meaning of carefully selected words.

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